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CLAIM:

1. A friction material comprising a fibrous base material having a fiber content of about 70% to about 85 %, based on the weight of the fibrous base material, wherein the fibrous base material is impregnated with a suitable resin.
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2. The friction material of claim 1, wherein the fibrous base layer comprises about 80% fibers.
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3. The friction material of claim 1, wherein the fibrous base material has an average voids volume from about 50% to about 85%.
4. The friction material of claim 1, wherein the fibrous base material is a nonwoven fibrous material.
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5. The friction material of claim 1, wherein the fibrous base material is a woven fibrous material.
6. The friction material of claim 1, wherein the fibrous base material comprises, by wt., from about 15 to about 25% cotton fibers, about 40 to about 50% aramid fibers, 10 to about 20% carbon fibers, and about 5 to about 25% filler.
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7. The friction material of claim 1, wherein the fibrous base material has an average pore diameter of about 5 to about 8 μ m.
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8. The friction material of claim 1, wherein the fibrous base material comprises about 10 to about 60%, by weight, of a less fibrillated aramid fiber; about 5 to about 30%, by weight, cotton fibers, about 2 to about 25%, by weight, carbon fibers; and, about 10 to about 35%, by weight of a filler material.
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9. The friction material of claim 1, wherein the resin comprises at least one of: phenolic resin, at least one modified phenolic resin, at least one silicon resin, at least one silicone modified resin, at least one epoxy resin, at least one epoxy modified resin, or mixtures of the above.